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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious, loving God, who taught us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of closeness with You, and to cast all our cares on You, set us free from timidity when it comes to living the absolutes of Your commandments and speaking with the authority of Your truth. We are living in a time of moral confusion. There is a great deal of talk about values, but our society often loses its grip on Your standards. We affirm the basics of honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness. We want to be authentic people rather than professional caricatures of character. Free us from capricious dissimulations, covered duality, and covert duplicity. Instead of manipulating with power games, help us to motivate with patriotism. Grant us the passion we knew when we first heard Your call to political leadership, the idealism we had when we were driven by a cause greater than ourselves, and the inspiration we knew when Your Spirit was our only source of strength. May this be a day to recapture our first love for You and our first priority of glorifying You by serving our Nation. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). The clerk will please read a

communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 17, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, there will be a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m. The first half of the time will be under the control of Senator DASCHLE or his designee. The second half of the time will be under the control of Senator LOTT or his designee.

We will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill at 10:30 a.m. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences. At 2:15 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the homeland security bill.

At 4:15 p.m. today, the Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill, with 60 minutes of debate, equally divided, between the chairman and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Interior of the Appropriations Committee, Senator BYRD and Senator BURNS. The cloture vote

on the Byrd amendment to the Interior appropriations bill will occur at approximately 5:15 p.m. today. Senators have until 1 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments and until 4:15 p.m. today to file second-degree amendments to the Interior appropriations bill.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes. Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Senator from North Dakota.

LET'S HAVE AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, several weeks ago I wrote to President Bush and suggested it is time—perhaps past the time—to have an economic summit in this country to talk about the challenges we are facing with this American economy.

It is interesting, if you look at what has happened. We had gone through a

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